

New Bedford March 15th 1840.

Sunday morning -

Dear Anne,

I wrote to you yesterday in great haste, & suppose you have received the letter by this time - Yesterday afternoon I went petitioning as usual. I have got 37 names now & hope to get a great many to day as one petition had gone among the methodists & I am fitting one up to go to the African church. I called at Mrs Sam Rodmans & found her sick abed, but her sister unt Phoebe signed - I had a very pleasant call & was much pleased with Miss Prior, whom I never had much acquaintance with before - She told me that one of the Bristol W. V. O's dined there this winter & in speaking of the Abolitionists he said - I don't think they are going the right way to work, but this I know - God never will permit such awful wickedness as slavery to continue much longer, violence & bloodshed must be the end of it - I then called at the old Lady Rodmans who has been quite ill - she refused to sign - "I'll give my money & my labours & my influence to the cause", said she, "but to petition such a set of men as there are in Congress I will never do it - she says, when she sits alone thinking over the horrors of slavery & the sufferings of the slaves

It seems as if she ~~could~~ not hear it - I have
made such a fight here in town about the
ministers who refuse to read notices & by
publicly proclaiming that I won't go to a
church where such things are perpetrated
I am getting things into a very good way -
This new society that has just been got
up - the Benevolent Society sent a notice
to all the churches requesting them to give
up their own meetings - & this Socy is in
the highest degree respectable & fashionable
& Mr. Peabody was to address it - these
ministers I can assure you were thrown
into a quandary - Mr. Smith came to Mr.
Emerson in much perturbation, "what
shall I do," said he, "you know what my
rule is." "Yes," said Mr. E. "I know it, a rule
~~rule~~ which has grieved me, & many other
of your church members very much." "Why
said the pastor, 'all the ministers of this
association have agreed to the same
why Mr. E. I am much more of an abolitionist
than you think I am - Here the conversation
was interrupted, but Mr. S. did not dare to
refuse to read the notice, & gave it his
own meeting, though he was just getting up
a revival - I had given it so to Mr. Snow
about his conduct - that he was more
afraid of me than any thing & refused
to read the Benevolent Socy's notice, throwing
it up in the porch - That is the way he says

he is going to serve all notices - she don't like the custom of reading notices. He would read anti-slavery notices just as quick as any - "Men not afraid of God afraid of me" - I spent Friday evening with Mrs Emerson who confided to me all her church troubles - She had borne it for nine years, she says and it seems to her she can bear it no longer - She can't abide Christ with - & had never heard him preach but twice - Oh that I were in her place. We spent an hour, she talking as Dea John Briggs would, who she expects every day will visit her, he being grand inquisitor general & answering for Mrs Emerson - I walked into him. I can tell you our Weymouth church has a remarkable degree of freedom if all the churches round the country are as bad as this one - Mr Peabody's address before the benevolent soc. was a very good one & at the close Mr Morrison requested all to sign the constitution, male & female - I joined partly because I approve the soc., partly for the woman question, & partly to get Mr Morrison into my power - for this soc is his thunder - In our next conversation I shall have him at great advantage - he having told me he was entirely converted, but that

his sphere of duty lay among the poor
of N. B. I shall press upon him the duty
of joining in an antislavery society — I
collected upon this Beldry, who had some
Boston feelings about ladies signing
petitions, but her husband said, Mary
Jane as you have signed these ^{above} petitions
it is hardly worth while to stop now —
so she signed — I forgot in stating this
Emersons case I forgot to say there ~~was~~
a grand revival going on here & Mrs
E, nor John either, for the matter of that
have ^{never} been near the church through the
whole — & this makes difficulty —

Mr Choudron told me the other
night that Dr Channing was surprised
that Mrs Hollen dwelt so much upon the
outward, the week & the fire & the cotton
holes — that sounds exactly like Dr E
has Maria been to see Mrs Hollen yet?
Mrs Channing has seen her I understand
so she must be better — I want you
to send these letters to Weymouth as
soon as possible — I intended this
for Aunt Chary, but having a direct
opportunity to Boston I thought it a pity
to lose it — I hope to hear from Aunt
Chary to-morrow, for it seems a long
time since I have had news from
Aunt Priscilla Give much love to Channing
Place, Henry & all — Blow tells Lizzy departed
herself. Tell her that discretion is the better

part of valour". Don't you think ~~the~~ method
I proposed of disposing of those shares Ahis
is the best — Write by mail very soon
Do you think Stanton will have the
assurance to come into Massachusetts
I don't believe he will ~~come~~ — I long
to see Lewis Tappan's letter, what will
he say — Where is Emma now —
& what is to become of her this summer —
I am enjoying myself very much &
I have good hope that I shall not be
here a great while longer — Mrs How-
land has always thought that it would
be good for her to go away from home, &
I intend to have her go to Roxbury — Mrs
Howland will of course go with her —
As she liked Caroline very much —
Walking so much takes my flesh off
considerably, but every body cries out —
how well I look — Mrs Howland says
that being out so much makes me
look as healthy & hard as a pine knot
I feel remarkably well & have not
had an unpleasant sensation since
the New Year came in — if I may
except a constant feeling of hunger —
I eat as we did at Groton — do you
remember how that was —

ever faithfully yours W.W.

Will you tell Henry that
 tailor Pratt was never paid
 for little Henry's coat. Making
 it finding "the trimming"
 was \$3.00. in all. I wish
 Henry would send it out
 with this letter — Do get it if
 you can —

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